Parish Church of Barbourne St. Stephen

Visit our website www.st-stephens-church-worcester.org.uk for information about services and forthcoming events

Welcome to our church, especially if you are a visitor or a newcomer

Sunday 5th November 2023

Opening Hymn: 633 Seek Ye First

Readings: Revelation 7.9-17 Rosie Goddard

1 John 3.1-3 Meriel Orton

Gradual Hymn: 478 Make me a channel of your peace

Gospel: Matthew 5.1-12

Sermon

Intercessions: Robyn Rooney

To the bidding: Lord, in your mercy Please respond: hear our prayer

Offertory Hymn: 678 Take Our Bread We Ask You

Communion Hymns: 54 As The Deer Pants,

285 Here I Am Lord, 730 This is my Body

Final Hymn: 209 Freely, Freely

AFTER SERVICE REFRESHMENTS – 10.00AM

Tea, coffee, squash and biscuits are served in church following the 10.00am service.

Why not stay for a drink and a chat. It's a chance

to get to know everyone.



GOOD COMPANIONS (Meet in church at 2.30pm) **Next meetings:**

6th November Discover History with Paul Harding 'How Worcester changed due to Industrial Revolution'

Sat 11th November Show - Moving on up - Ask Chris about tickets (£16.50 each).

A Better Way to Give Regularly to Church

The Church of England has introduced the Parish Giving Scheme (PGS), administered by a charity controlled by various Dioceses and based in Gloucester. The new scheme should be a win-win situation - better for givers, and better for the church. There is a small supply of booklets at the back of Church. If you want to know more, speak to Richard Hemmings, or look at PGS's website:

www.parishgivingscheme.org.uk



Church Services this coming week.

Thursday 10.00am Holy Communion

Zoom only services

Monday & Wednesday 8.20am Morning Prayer Tuesday & Thursday 5.30pm **Evening Prayer**

4th before Advent / All Saints Day

Next Sunday – Remembrance Sunday

8.00am - Said Holy Communion

Readings: Wisdom 6.12-16 John Swindin John Swindin

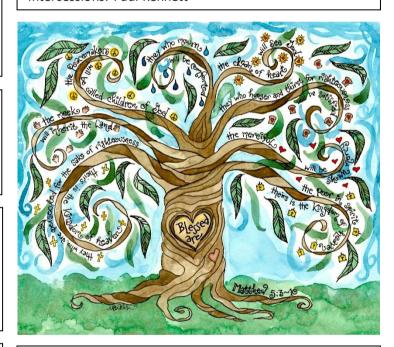
1 Thessalonians 4.13-18

Gospel: Matthew 25.1-13 Intercessions: Clergy

10.00am - Family Service

Readings: Wisdom 6.12-16 **Ruth Scotson** 1 Thessalonians 4.13-18 Paul Kennett

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LITTLE STARS For babies to pre-schoolers and their parents/carers meets in church every Thursday afternoon in term time from 1.30pm to 3.00pm. Further details from Michelle Walsh (details below)

Open Church

10.30am - 12.30pm **Thursdays**

Saturdays 10.30am - 12.30pm

If you have any items for the pew sheet please e-mail them to: mwalsh.ststephens@outlook.com Please send by Thursday - 10.00am if you wish it to be included in the following Sunday's pew sheet.

For church hall bookings contact Michelle Walsh at mwalsh.ststephens@outlook.com or 07961 097497

NEWS FROM THE PEWS

Announcement from the Bishop

The Bishop of Worcester is pleased to announce the appointment of the Reverend Lindsey Coulthard as Priest in Charge of Barbourne, St Stephen. The licensing date will be confirmed at a later date. Please remember Lindsey and Ian in your prayers.

Hearing Loop System

If you are users of the Hearing Loop system, you'll have noticed that it wasn't working last week. It may even have been the cause of the electrics tripping! Paul Kennett has kindly disconnected and removed it to see if it can be repaired but it may need replacing (at a cost of between £250-£350). If you feel this is something you would like to contribute towards, please speak to Ruth, Kevin or Lindsey.

Thanks! Tabletop Sale for Zambia

Thanks to everyone who donated goods, cakes, time and effort to make the sale last Saturday such a great success. We have raised £710 towards the next classroom in Zambia.

Philomusica Concert - Saturday 11th November at 7.30pm at St. Stephen's

Programme to include Greater Love Hath No Man by John Ireland, Handel's Messiah part 1 and A Christmas Cantata by Geoffrey Bush (nothing like getting into the Christmas spirit early!!) Tickets £10 available on the door or from philomusica.org.uk/tickets

Here are a few of the items needed from the current 2023 shopping list.

TINNED FOODS, LONG LIFE FRUIT
JUICE & MILK, CEREAL, NOODLE POTS,
WET & DRY DOG FOOD, TOMATO PUREE, COOKING OIL,
MIXED HERBS, SUGAR, TEA, COFFEE, HOT CHOCOLATE,
WASHING UP LIQUID, DEODORANT, NAPPIES (SIZE 5-7).
www.worcester.foodbank.org.uk

Thank you for your continued support of local people in crisis.



Remembrance Sunday 12th November



WE SHALL REMEMBER THEM

Sunday 12th November we will be holding two Remembrance Services

11.00am - After the normal 10.00am Sunday Service, at 11.00am - A short act of Remembrance will take place outside by the War Memorial

6.30pm - A reflective Remembrance Service will be held at 6.30pm followed by light refreshments. All are welcome.

Poppies

Poppies of various types and a tin for your donations are available at the back of church.



It's a Wrap for November

Pullovers become very relevant, With a blanket for the armchair; Pashminas are cosily elegant, Best not stand still to stare.

Hidden thermals for outside work, Careful layers for those indoors; Add a layer of recyclable card or cork To insulate shed or workshop floors.

Creatures begin to hibernate,
Growing thick fur in their coats;
While people increase their eating rate
Of porridge made with home grown oats.

Mind-food could be different books to read, The choice is great and some sure to please.

Teresa Charman 2023

